

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001 of the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 7,416,553
~~10/409,958~~, filed on April 9, 2003 and entitled "Drill Guide and Plate Inserter," and U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 10/609,123, filed on June 27, 2003 and entitled "Tissue Retractor and Drill
Guide," which are expressly incorporated by reference herein.